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SUBJECT: MANUS LEGISLATOR CALLS FOR REPARATIONS FROM WWII
BELLIGERENTS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS APRIL 15, DEPUTY LEADER COUNTRY PARTY (A SMALL SPLINTER GROUP) AND MEMBER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FROM MANUS, HAS CIRCULATED PETITION SIGNED BY SOME 200 MANUS ISLANDERS DEMANDING THAT GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, USA, GERMANY, AND JAPAN PAY REPARATIONS OF DOLS 20,000 TO MANUS ISLANDERS. (STATEMENT NOT CLEAR WHETHER TOTAL OF DOLS 20,000 DEMANDED FROM EACH GOVERNMENT, OR DOLS 20,000 FOR EACH MANUS ISLANDER).

2. PETITION STATES THAT PART OF MANUS SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO USSR FOR NAVAL BASE IF REPARATION NOT FORTHCOMING.

3. PNG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED PETITION AS QTE SOUNDING LIKE A PIECE OF FOOLISH BLACKMAIL UNQTE AND LOCAL RADIO DISCUSSION CONSIDERS CLAIM FRIVOLOUS, BUT UNDERLYING DISCONTENT OF MANUS ISLANDERS DUE LACK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE SERIOUS.

4. COMMENT: ACTION COMES AT TIME WHEN MANUS ISLANDERS ARE ATTEMPTING PRESSURE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE BUILDINGS,
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ROADS AND SPORTS GROUND THERE.

5. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE REPARATIONS ISSUE WILL BECOME SERIOUS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SHORT SUMMARY OF REPARATIONS SETTLEMENTS, IF ANY, MADE BETWEEN USG AND AUSTRALIA, RE PNG AND IN PARTICULAR RE MANUS AND LOS NEGROS ISLANDS SITES OF LARGE U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES HERE DURING WWII.

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